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A mail will close
 For Shanghai.—*For Fusan*, to-day, the
 11th, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—
Arabaya Apur, to-day, the 15th instant,
 2.30 P.M.
 For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—
Venice, to-day, the 15th inst., at 2.30 P.M.
 For Shanghai.—*For Ningpo*, to-day, the
 11th, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Amoy, Amoy, Tamsui, and Tak
For Zeevor, to-day, the 15th inst., at 5 P.M.
 For Amoy.—*For Emeralda*, on Monday
 17th inst., at 4.30 P.M.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES
 PACKET.**
 The United States Mail Packet *OHIO*
 will be despatched on MONDAY, the
 11th inst., at 1 P.M., with the Mail
 For Yokohama, Kobe, Manilla, the U.
 States, and the United Kingdom.
 The Post Office will be open for the receipt
 of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers,
 &c., until 2.30 P.M.
 Letters can be posted on board the P.
 from 2.30 P.M. to 5.15 P.M., on payment
 Late Fee of 12 cents in addition to the
 above paid for the Postage to be paid
 Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will
 forwarded by the English Packets.

Kingdom must be superscribed "via
Travancore."

ALFRED LESTER,
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 13th January, 1876.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKETS.
The English Contract, *English KASHI*,
will be despatched with the Mail for *Calcutta*,
on THURSDAY, the 20th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing
Mails, &c.

Wednesday, 19th instant,
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes.
6 P.M. Post Office closes except the N. B.
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 20th instant,
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
issuing of all correspondence.
10 A.M. Post Office closes except for
Letters, Registered Letters and
10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted on pay-
ment of a LATE FEE of 18 cents.
Postage, until
11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOS-
es entirely.

11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only add-
ed to the United Kingdom *via* *Brind-*
ley to Singapore, may be posted
before the English Packet, and
1.15 P.M. of 45 cents for postage

Postmaster-General

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 17th January, 1870.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PAQUE.
The French Contract Packet *AMAZON* will be despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 19th instant, by Mail to end through the United Kingdom via Marseilles, to Europe, Sicily, Singapore, Malacca, Australia and New Zealand, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, &c. and America.

The following will be the hours of closing Mails, &c. :—

Wednesday, 26th inst.
P.M. Money Order Office closes.
Office closes except the Mount Office which remains open all night.

Thursday, 27th inst.
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Receipts at all correspondences.
10 A.M. Registry of Letters closes.
11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Letters.

11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of Late Fee of 18 cents extra post until

11.30 A.M. when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

ALFRED LISTER,

His Excellency Governor Sir ANTHUR WARD KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., O.B., is pleased to direct that the Rates of Postage charged on all parcels sent by Registered Packets shall be lowered as follows, viz.:-

To or from Port of North-China, Japan, &c. 8 cents per lb.
To or from Ceylon, Saigon, Pondicherry, and Aden to 12 cents per lb.

Arrangements have been made for the Registration of Correspondence exchanged between the Colonies and the United Kingdom by Profits Mail Packets of the Occidental Oriental Steam Ship Company.

The Registration Fee is 8 cents for every letter, over and above the Postage. This will apply to all letters sent by Profits Mail.

No letters can be Registered after 2 P.M. the day of departure of the Mail.

The Post Office of Victoria (Australia) has given notice to the General Post Office in London that articles of Jewellery received in the Colony are chargeable with Customs Duty. The undersigned considers it necessary to state that articles of Jewellery are prohibited and that any letters or packets containing such articles sent through the Post are liable to seizure.

the Postmaster at San Francisco has been notified that letters sent from the United States (whether through the Post Office, or as passengers' letters) by the United States Mails, or by the United States Mails, will be forwarded to any place not within the United States unless the proper postage is paid. The postage is to be paid in American Postage Stamps, but will be returned to this Office.

Such letters should either be prepaid in advance, or the postage stamps as above posted to an Agent in the United States.

This notice chiefly applies to the following places, the American rates of Postage to which are as follows:—

	NEW-SPAIN.
LETTERS, PAPERS, BOOKS.	
Cent.	Cent.
Honolulu.	10 p oz. 1/2 4 p oz 4
Brazil.	10 p oz. 1/2 4 p oz 4
Pore, Chili, &c.	30 p oz. 1/2 10 p oz 4

Correspondence for New Zealand via the Straits.

A considerable number of Correspondence being received directed to New Zealand to the Straits it is notified that the New Zealand Post Office has declined to receive New Zealand letters sent to New Zealand via the Straits route, hence there is no alternative to the correspondence being sent to New Zealand by persons who are anxious to avail themselves

to, to the care of an Agent at Sydney.

Many boxes of letters are received at the P. Office not sealed, that is to say, the box fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The necessity of sealholders is called for by the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognizable seal, and of sending a Ch. book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the boxes have been reached by the Post Office; the omission of the former, as whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps, which it is not possible to count the letters in sealed boxes (except where there are only three or four) and therefore the Post Office receipt to such an entry as, "47 for 47" is not possible to count the letters. "Sealing Papers" must be taken to mean not what it is stated to viz., that one box was not received.

Postage on Correspondence forwarded to Private Ship to the Straits Settlements must be prepaid at the following rates, viz.:-

For Letters.....8 cents per 1000.

For Book Post.....2 " each

And Packets of 6 " for each 4000.

Postage for letters on other correspondence is charged by the Post Office.

